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The quality of Primary Health Care (PHC) delivered to people in developing countries, including ours, is often poor and coverage is not yet universal. This is despite a focus on the public delivery of comprehensive PHC over the past 13 years. This problem has been exacerbated by the poor road infrastructure that exists in the rural areas of our province. This has also hindered the delivery of much needed emergency health care as well as the enhancement of the Primary Health Care approach in service delivery.

The mobile clinic hand-over forms part of the MEC's commitment to enhance the Mobile Clinic services especially in the rural areas. In the 2005/2006 financial **74** mobile clinics at the cost of **R10 million** were added to the current fleet. The current contingent, being handed-over by the MEC forms part of the 2006/2007 financial year fleet addition. This fleet of 50 mobile clinics costs R8-million and it has enhanced safety features. These vehicles will greatly benefit the community of Umzimkhulu who were recently incorporated into KwaZulu-Natal.

In the 2008/2009 financial year we will see a further increase in the fleet by 98 mobile clinics which will have bigger engine capacity in order to be able to cope with the terrain.

When the democratic government came to power the Department of Health adopted the primary health care as an approach that could enhance the delivery of health care services and disease prevention. To date great strides have been made to ensure that the poor have access to health care.

The media is invited to attend and report on the hand-over ceremony which will be held as follows;

Date : *10 July 2007, Tuesday*

Time : *09h30*

Venue : *Wentworth Hospital
Quality Street*

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